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125-103 E. Montgomery St. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

c. 1836-1855

The majority of houses on this side of the 100 block of E. Montgomery St. are two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses, a number of which have Greek-Revival influenced exterior door and window lintels with bull's-eye decorated corner blocks. The houses were built by individual owners in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Robert Culley, a local shipbuilder built 105-107 and 113 E. Montgomery St. and his brother Langley, also an important local shipbuilder, built and lived in 119 E. Montgomery St. The pair of houses at 121-123 E. Montgomery St. are two story plus attic houses, built in the late 1840's. The tall, three story, three bay wide Classical Revival structure at 125 E. Montgomery St., now serving a commercial function, was originally built as the home of the Watchman Fire Company, a local, volunteer fire company organized in the early 1850's. The original structure on the site was built about 1855; the current enlargement and remodeling probably dates to the early years of this century.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

121-123 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
—UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
—COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS  
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY —OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of 2 story with attic brick houses, with gable roofs, were built somewhat later than the adjoining group of 2 1/2 story houses at 113 to 119 Montgomery St. The main houses are only one room deep, but there is a two story addition.

The houses are two stories in height, with an additional attic story, 14 1/2' wide, and extend back on their lots about . They are constructed in running bond. A simple brick cornice extends continuously across the facade. The low-pitched gable roof

The door and window openings of the first and second floors have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. There are no lintels on the attic floor windows; the sills are wood. The window openings of the first and second floors are double hung with new 6/6 sash; the attic story windows are hung with 3/3 sash. Each house has a modern six panel door surmounted by a single light transom. The transom area of 123 Montgomery St. is fitted with a vertically leaded panel; that of 121 Montgomery St. is plain. The doors are slightly recessed. The houses sit on very low basements, the entrances being reached by a single brick stoop each.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis H. Smith

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is particularly interesting for having been built by the same builder who constructed the three story, gable-roofed houses at 812-818 William St., and the similar, two story plus attic house at 810 William St. The two story plus attic design is usually found in the Federal Hill area in houses designed expressly for a working class market. Such, however, is not the case here. Smith sold 121 E. Montgomery St. to Frederick Reitz, a glass blower at the Glass House, who in 1860 moved next door to 119 Montgomery St. The second occupant of the house, William L. Schaum, was also a glass blower, whose family were the proprietors of the Glass House.<sup>1</sup> Interestingly, the first two owners of 123 Montgomery St. were also glass blowers--William Swindell, who lived in the house in the early 1850's, and William Kaltenbach, who lived there from 1853 until the late 1850's.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1849, 1853-54, 1860

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 1849, 1853-54, 1855-56

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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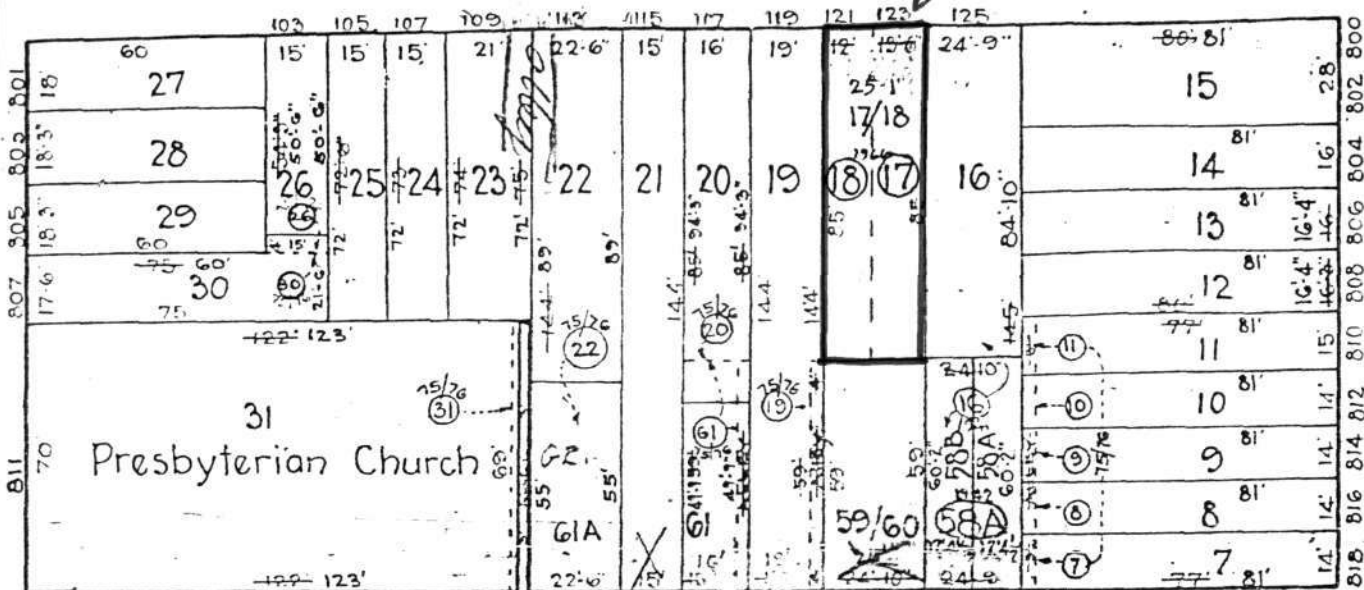
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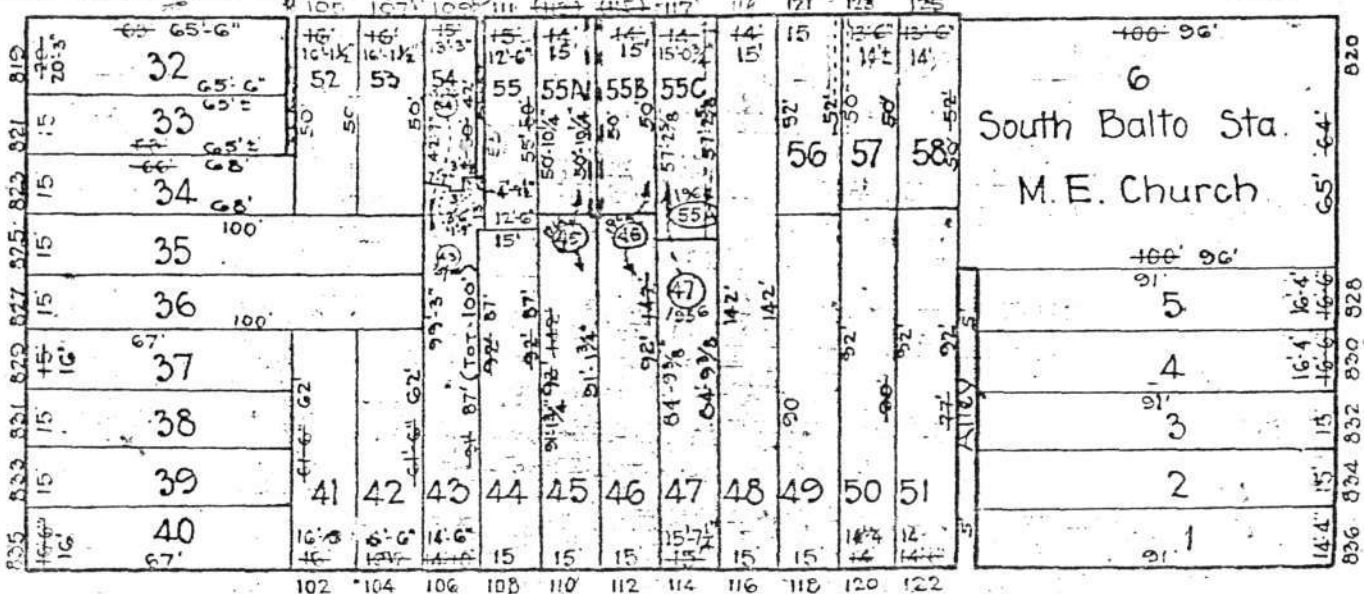
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WILLIAM

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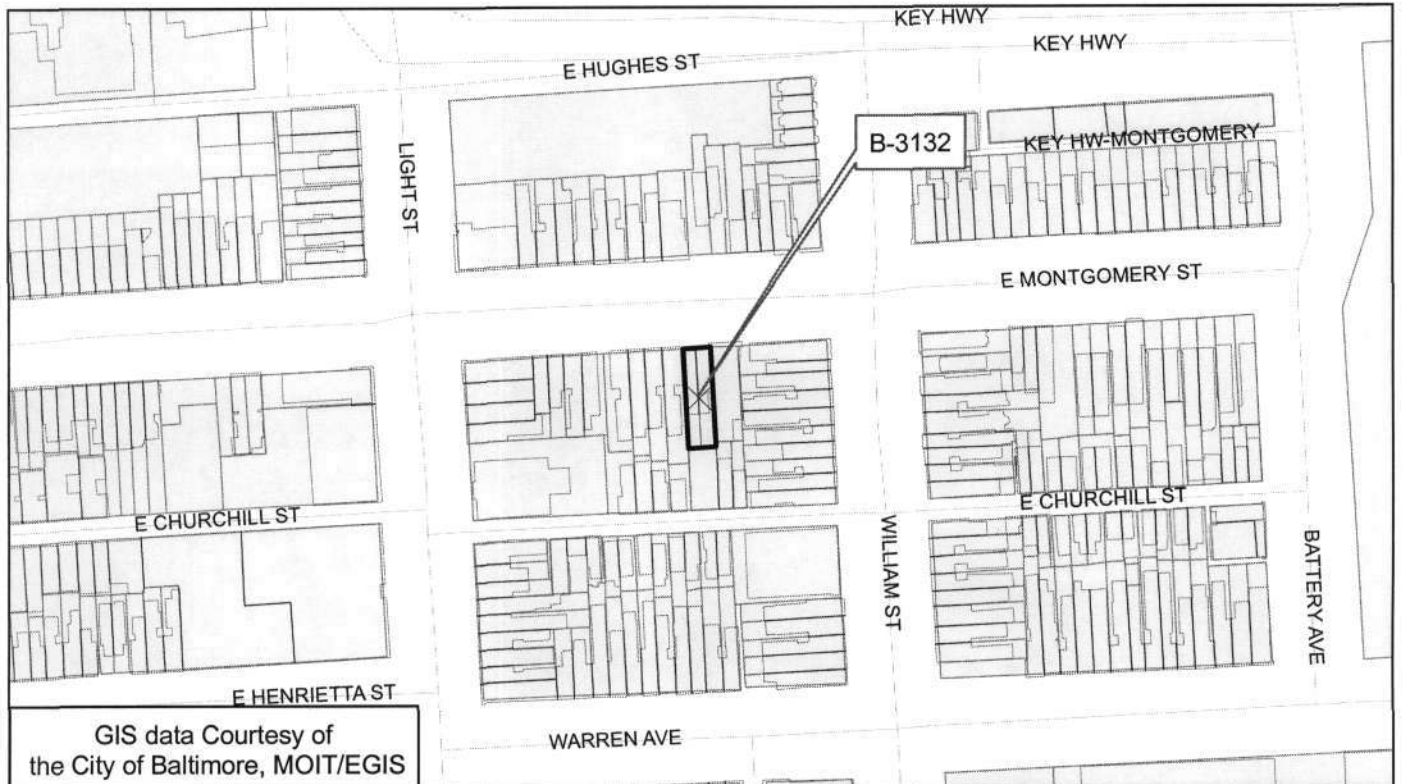
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121-123 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0906 Lots 018-017  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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North elevation